

# Companion Animal Hospital



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## Companion Animal Times: Paws for News

### How to Prevent a Blue Christmas:

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(Sing to the tune of "We Three Kings")

We three dogs like candy and cake.  
We'll eat anything you would bake.  
Hide it high or in the cupboard  
Or else it is your mistake.  
Oh-ohh,  
We will vomit, we'll be sick.  
Diarrhea. Let us out quick.  
We won't care if guests are there  
And we'll gross out Cousin Rick.

Gum can make our blood sugar low.  
Ask the doctor why that is so.  
We snoop purses, even of nurses  
So lock it up, high or low.  
Oh-ohh,  
Gum is dandy, gum is grand  
But we won't be able to stand.  
We'll be falling, you'll be calling.  
Emergency in the land.

Garbage calls to us like a song.  
We don't think we're doing things wrong.  
We will grab it, you can't nab it  
Before we've gobbled it down.  
Oh-ohh,  
We will vomit, we'll have gas.  
It will clear your guests out fast.  
Lock us up if you can't watch us  
Or who knows what we will "pass".

Lastly, don't let cats in the tree.  
Tinsel equals bad surgery.  
String and ribbon, it's a given-  
Christmas emergency.  
Oh-ohh,  
Cats are silly, cats will play  
With all string that comes their way.  
Squeaky toys will bring more joys  
For all on Christmas Day.

### Meet the Staff:



Name: Katie

Pet Care Attendant/Receptionist

Experience: Katie has worked in boarding/daycare facilities for over a year. She is also enrolled in the vet tech program at Argosy University.

Pets: Charlie, her Shih-Tzu-poodle (in the picture) and Layla, her Miniature Dachshund.

Interests: Playing with her puppies, playing guitar and drawing.

## Save \$30

### National Pet Dental Month is February

Dental disease not only causes bad breath, it may lead to more serious health problems. We strongly recommend all pets over three years have an annual dental cleaning. During February get \$30 off your pet's professional dental cleaning. Click [HERE](#) to print this coupon. Call to schedule an appointment. To learn more about dentistry, visit our website at: [companionanimaleagan.com](http://companionanimaleagan.com)

Offer Valid: February 2011

## Diseases Pets and People Share



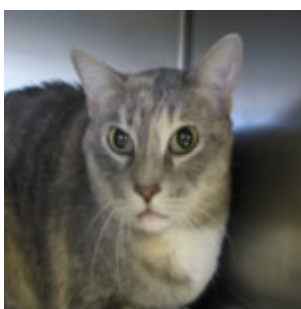
We love our pets and share our homes and lives with them, but unfortunately we can also share certain diseases called Zoonoses. Zoonotic diseases pass between pets and people.

Cat owners need to be aware of scratches or bites from their cats. Their mouths are full of bacteria which can transfer to humans and cause bacterial infections such as Pasteurella. A scratch can transmit Cat Scratch Disease (Bartonellosis) which causes flu-like

symptoms.

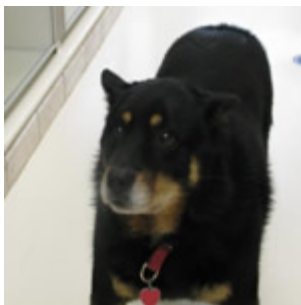
Many diseases can be passed through dog or cat feces such as Toxoplasmosis. It is found in cat feces, contaminated soil and undercooked meat. Pregnant women should be especially cautious and should avoid cleaning litter boxes or handling raw meat. Children are also at risk when playing in a yard or playground that has been contaminated with feces containing hookworm or roundworm larvae. Precautions include good hand hygiene and monthly de-worming of pets. We recommend checking your pet's stool sample yearly to detect parasites that may be a threat to your family. Rabies can be transmitted to humans from infected dogs, cats, and wildlife (bats, skunks, raccoons). It is a fatal disease and all pets should be vaccinated against it. We can acquire some diseases from our pets, but thankfully the risk of serious infection is low. Common sense measures such as hand washing after contact with pets and prior to eating are the key to prevention. Also, regular yearly vaccinations and physicals can keep not only your pet healthy but you as well.

## Look Who Visited Us Recently:



### "Tara"

My mom rescued me and all my brothers and sisters. I am a very sweet girl that just visited Companion to have my teeth cleaned.



### "Boo"

I love staying at Companion when my dad goes out of town. I've been coming here for years and I still get excited every time I see my friends!

## Earn \$15

### Refer a Friend

For each friend you refer to Companion Animal Hospital you will receive a \$15 credit on your account. Be sure they fill in your name on the "Whom may we thank?" line on the [New Client Form](#) at the time of their first appointment. We will notify you of the credit on your account in a thank-you card.

Offer Expires: February 28, 2011

"Concerned care for your Companion"

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